



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Other Crops Maturing As Corn Harvest Continues

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 29, 2013**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Mature	98	94	100	98
Corn Harvested	64	44	93	79
Cotton Bolls Opening	57	38	78	74
Cotton Harvested	0	0	2	8
Peanuts Dug	22	13	32	23
Peanuts Combined	7	4	8	11
Soybeans Setting Pods	93	85	100	99
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	43	29	50	60
Soybeans Harvested	3	1	5	10
Winter Wheat Planted	3	1	1	2
Winter Wheat Emerged	1	0	0	0

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	1	5	49	45
Cotton	0	1	28	65	6
Peanuts	0	9	38	44	9
Soybeans	0	1	10	67	22
Livestock	1	1	12	68	18
Pasture & Range	0	3	19	64	14

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	5.8	0	8	91	1
District 20	5.4	0	1	99	0
District 30	6.4	0	42	58	0
District 40	5.7	1	35	63	1
District 50	5.9	0	21	72	7
District 60	4.0	0	3	74	23
State: Current Week	5.6	0	14	81	5
State: Previous	6.4	1	32	64	3

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 66.5°F in Lafayette, to 76.8°F in Mobile; total precipitation ranged

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from 0.02 inches in Birmingham, to 1.37 inches in Mobile. William Rogers, FSA PT, confirmed exceptional yields were being reported in Lawrence County. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, commented dry conditions returned as the week progressed which allowed plenty of farm work to be accomplished in Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties. Carol Gay, FSA CED for Clay and Randolph Counties, noted cooler, dryer weather promoted a lot of field work that had been delayed by extensive rains throughout most of the summer. Joe Capps, FSA CED for Macon and Russell Counties, highlighted crop harvesters needed dry weather, while crop planters needed rain. Marie Headley, FSA CED, reported Bibb and Perry Counties received rain this past week which improved pastures. Willie Durr, ACES CEC for Houston County, summarized rainfall received earlier last week stopped harvesting and other field operations.

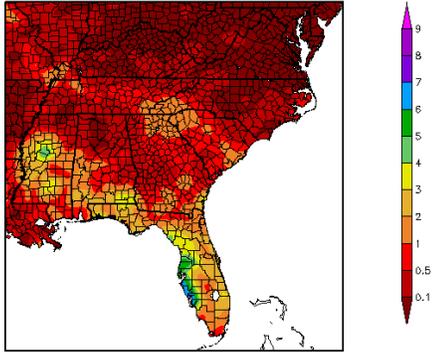
Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED in Marion and Winston Counties, said corn harvest was in full swing with most producers reporting record yields. Soybeans still looked good and had the potential for very good yields. The verdict was still out on cotton. Donald E. Mann, FSA CED in Jackson County, said corn harvest was progressing well, but at a slow pace. High yields, needed storage capacity, and long lines at the elevators were causing issues for producers. Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station, observed that target spot on the cotton was making defoliation easier. Jeffery Smith, FSA CED in Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties, indicated several producers moved to defoliate cotton last week with most fields requiring a second application. No pickers were seen in the fields yet. Headley added some cotton was ready for harvest after defoliation. Soybeans were still filling out pods. James D. Jones Jr., ACES CEC, confirmed peanut and cotton harvest was underway in Henry County. Durr emphasized rainfall softened the soil and will put peanut harvesting in full swing as conditions dry out. Some cotton was dropping leaves and he expected defoliation activities to begin next week. Fall vegetables were fairing reasonably well.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Malone remarked pastures had started to show small signs of stress due to the lack of rain and hot temperatures experienced in September, but improved some last week with the recent rain and cooler nights. Dorough stated growth of warm season pastures had slowed and rain was needed to encourage growth of cool season forages. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, relayed farmers were still busy getting in hay over much of Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, and Shelby Counties. He expected winter forage planting to soon get underway. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, stated Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties needed rain for winter grazing being planted. Charles Simon, ACES CES in Covington County, acknowledged recent rain was a boost to pasture grass. He added hay harvesting may continue sporadically.

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/>

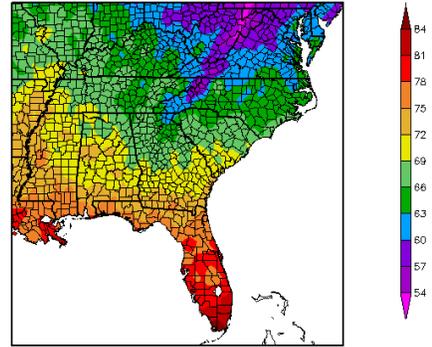
Precipitation (in)
9/23/2013 - 9/29/2013



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Temperature (F)
9/23/2013 - 9/29/2013



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U.S. Drought Monitor, September 24, 2013

National Weather Service

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	92.90	7.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (09/17/2013 map)	90.20	9.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (06/25/2013 map)	77.70	22.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2013 map)	40.07	59.93	33.67	19.47	9.81	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	71.58	28.42	19.42	15.36	8.69	0.00
One Year Ago (09/18/2012 map)	70.57	29.43	19.42	15.36	8.66	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional



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